VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) 74 bulk drugs are specified in the First Schedule of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO, 95). Prices of non-Scheduled formulations are fixed by the manufacturers themselves keeping in view the various factors like cost of production, marketing/ selling expenses, R&D expenses, trade commission, market competition, product innovation, product quality etc. The Government takes corrective measures where the public interest is found to be adversely affected. As per a recent study, it is noted that the availability of medicines in the de-controlled sector is on the higher side as compared to those in the controlled sector.

Fertilizer producing units

†1059. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that chemical fertilizers producing units of the country had been divided into six groups;

(b) whether it is also a fact that during the year 2003-04, the production cost in these production units of the said groups has been found to be different;

(c) if so, the production cost assessed separately for each group during the said period; and

(d) the amount of subsidy provided on annual production to each production unit of the said groups?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) Until 31.3.2003, subsidy payments to urea units were regulated under the erstwhile unit specific Retention price Scheme (RPS). The RPS has been replaced by group based New Pricing Scheme (NPS) for urea units, which had come into existence w.e.f. 1.4.2003. Under NPS, the existing urea units have been divided into six groups based on vintage and feedstock. The NPS aims at bringing in greater uniformity, transparency and efficiency in disbursement of subsidy to urea

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

companies and inducing them to take cost reduction measures on their own to be competitive. The weighted average group concession rates, based on the latest notified rates, for the different groups of urea units, are given in the table below:

Group	Weighted average group concession rate (Rs./MT)
Pre-92 Gas	5622
Post-92 Gas	7373
Pre-92 Naphtha	12856
Post-92 Naphtha	12554
FO/LSHS	10999
Mixed feed	8196
Overall Weighted Average	8675

(d) Details of amount of subsidy paid to each urea unit during the year 2003-04 are given in the Statement.

Statement

Subsidy Paid to Urea Units During 2003-04

(Rs. in Crores)

S.No	Name of the Unit	Amount of subsidy paid during 2003-04
1.	IFFCO, Aonla-I	147.35
2.	IFFCO, Aonla-II	143.89
3.	IFFCO, Kalol	286.94
4.	IFFCO, Phulpur-I	460.95
5.	IFFCO, Phulpur-II	577.55

S.No	Name of the Unit	Amount of subsidy paid during 2003-04
6.	KRIBHCO, Hazira	322.21
7.	GNVFC, Bharuch	224.85
8.	GSFC, Vadodara	70.01
9.	Indo Gulf, Jagdishpur	106.26
10.	SFC, Kota	299.37
11.	ZIL, Goa	381.41
12.	NFCL, Kakinada-I	120.12
13.	NFCL, Kakinada-II	207.81
14.	CFCL, Gadepan-I	199.56
15.	CFCL, Gadepan-II	617.47
16.	TCL, Babrala	175.88
17.	OCFL, Shahjahanpur	201.43
18.	MCFL, Mangalore	226.21
19.	SPIC, Tuticorin	520.03
20.	BVFCL, Numrup-III	14.40
21.	MFL, Chennai	409.76
22.	NFL, Nangal	544.85
23.	NFL, Bhatinda	502.01
24.	NFL, Panipat	465.88
25.	NFL, Vijaypur-I	164.49
26.	NFL, Vijaypur-II	284.14
27.	RCF, Thal	669.42
	TOTAL	8344.27